

Mass + Main Proposal

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Dear Cambridge City Council & Planning Board:

Normandy-twinning and their counsel met with our Church and members of the black pastors early on who stressed the importance of affordable housing, parking and generally being cognizant of the importance of the mission of the black churches in and around Central Square. Since that time Normandy -Twining have proven their willingness to actively engage with us in many ways. Recently they made a significant increase in their affordable housing to individuals and families in the moderate and lower income categories as well as 3 bedroom units which was our primary focus. We are also pleased with the new design which reduces the massing on the upper floors and we will continue to follow that process. While there is more work to do, we believe this proposal offers the potential for a positive influence to our community and Normandy-Twining has earned our trust to move forward.

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